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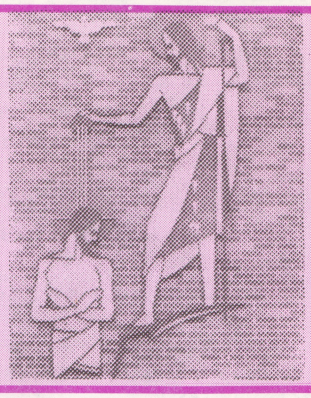
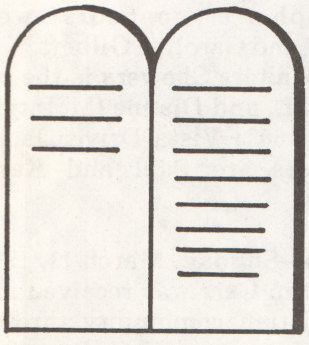




A Time To: Renew Covenant and Welcome Home

Law and its implications in my life are the emphasis of today's readings. The code of Moses, which we call the Ten Commandments, is rooted in Israel's culture and history. Where did Moses, the lawgiver of Israel, come upon such wonderfully simple and straightforward rules of conduct? The writer of Exodus, who wished to heighten the importance of the code, said quite simply that Moses went to the mountain and God traced the rules on tablets of stone. (Carving on stone suggested that they would never be changed.)

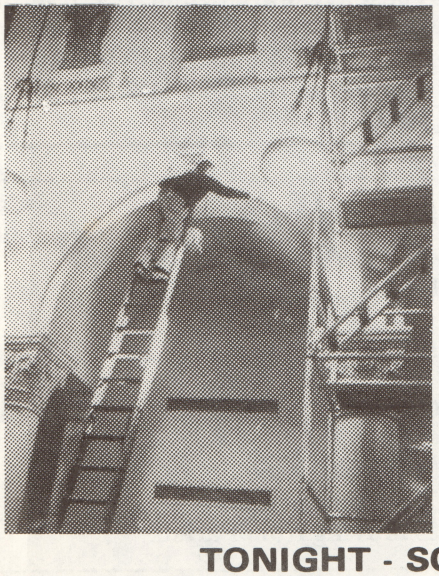
Modern scholars tell us that it may not have happened quite so simply or miraculously. They believe that Moses merely codified into easily remembered rules the standards of conduct of the community already accepted. They point out that Moses' great contribution was the **first three commandments**, since they related their behavior to the covenant relationship. Ever after, Israel was bound in covenant not only to God but to behavior which gave God glory and proclaimed that the Israelites were special people who were involved in living out the covenant.

Last week we looked at covenant, the deepening of it between God and Abraham and the **trust** which that deepening involved.

But - covenant also demands a response - a **real response from us**. The Ten Commandments are not rules which bind but **laws of life.** To obey the law brings life, to negate it brings death. If we remember God's entering into our own history, if we remember his gifts and blessings to us, and if we trust that memory, then we will choose to respond by choosing life, by living and obeying the laws which bring life.

This week's Lenten suggestion:

Share with one another your knowledge of traditional rules in the Church and at home. Ask everyone to make a list of all the rules they can remember. Together analyze their origin and discuss how these laws give life.



Just a Word ...

by Fr. Harvey

Parish Improvement

The redecoration of the church interior began in full swing this week. A good bit of plaster patching and repair, of course, was necessary before brushes began their work. All the stained glass has been cleaned on the inside. Lighting fixtures have been relamped. New shades for the lights in the nave are on order due to the disintegration of the old shades which have survived almost 50 years of use. Some of the stairwells have been painted. Some of the varnished surfaces have been sanded and varnished already in this short time.

B/C Contractors, Inc. from Ypsilanti were granted the contract for $15,000.00. Thus far, they have done neat and very satisfactory work. In addition to the repainting of the church interior, we also hope to be able to offer more protection to our property through the installation of fire-security systems. Bids for that work have been sought by the Administration Commission.

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TONIGHT - SOLEMN VESPERS - 7:00 P.M. IN CHURCH

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Thus far, the results of the Lenten Parish Improvement Drive:

Cash received - $6,653.75

Outstanding pledges - $9,952.50

Total responses - 288

Pledges range from $5.00 to $500.00. Other parishioners have chosen to provide a weekly sacrifice to Parish Improvement without making a prior pledge. Whatever you choose, we need everyone's support to make this Improvement Drive a true parish effort.

Lenten Happenings

Several parishioners took part in home meetings this past week in the individual parish zones. Comments I have heard this far indicate that the prayer and faith-sharing that occurred during those meetings was appreciated. One zone intends to meet again this week because so many participating found it a worthwhile experience.

A solemn vesper service will be held in church this Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. Plan to attend if you can.

Next Sunday, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. a parish open house will be held here at St. John's. This open house is held in conjunction with our parish Lenten theme: "A Time To Renew Covenant and Welcome Home." Hopefully, this will be an opportunity for all of us to invite interested friends, neighbors or acquaintances to visit St. John's. It could also serve as the occasion to invite back those who have drifted away from the parish. The members of the Parish Team, Council members and members from the various Council Commissions will be available to greet visitors. Tours of the parish facilities, including the church, rectory and Education and Activity Center will also be part of the open house. Please help bring someone home!

St. John Parish

opens its doors
from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 25, 1979
Come see - meet - understand - enjoy. You are most welcome!

In regard to prayer, Matthew quotes Jesus as saying, "Ask, and it will be given to you, search, and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you." **We invite you on a weekend journey to explore the possibilities of prayer.** "Come and see" on March 30th, 31st and April 1st. Please return the form below, call Judy or Eileen at 483-6378, or call Trinity Chapel 482-1400 if you are interested.

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I am interested in the prayer workshop at Trinity Chapel, Saturday, 9:30 - 11:30 and 1:00 - 5:00; Sunday, 2:00 - 5:00.

Name_____

Phone_____

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St. John's Bingo
Wednesdays
Doors Open 6:30 p.m.

New Life in Christ

On Sunday, March 11, 1979, two children received the new life of Christ administered by Fr. Doepker at the 12:30 p.m. Mass.

Christopher Edward Gilbert is the son of Stanley E. and Mary Ann (Lesniewicz) Gilbert, 2898 Carlton Drive, Ann Arbor. Christopher's sponsors were Timothy and Caroline Gilbert.

Jack Walters Showers is the son of David L. and Dianne (McIntyre) Showers, 6024 Vista Drive. Jack's godparents are Paul and Karen Showers.

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Also on Sunday, March 11, 1979, **Brian John Carr** was received into the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism celebrated at our church by Fr. H. Thomas Johnson of Lake Orion.

Brian's parents are John W. and Anne M. (Hengesbaugh) Carr, 2444 Lake in the Woods. His sponsors were Steven and Jane Hengesbaugh.

Congratulations to all those reborn in Christ and to their parents and godparents!

Parish Activities Commission

Meeting Calls

Bazaar Committee Meeting - Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Hall.

Festival Committee Meeting - Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Hall.

Registration or Address Change

Name_____

Address_____

City_____

☐ Wish to register
☐ Change of Address
☐ Moving from Parish

Passion Enactment

Sister Marilyn

Part of the Lenten Program for 1979 will be the enactment of the Passion again this year. After some consideration and evaluation the Worship Commission felt this was a viable and moving experience for many, one which captured the message of the Holy Week Time and one which should be repeated.

In analyzing the experience of last Lent and Holy Week I myself feel that the prayerfulness of those involved and of those who were present at Liturgy was not only genuine and real but important for our faith lives. We are asking those of you who are considering taking part in the enactment of the Passion according to St. Mark to **prayerfully** reflect on this passion before deciding to participate. As you read and reflect - identify with the various characters, take them in and put on their shoes. This may help you associate with a particular character and help us in selecting roles.

Rehearsals will be on:

Thursday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 6 after the Stations 8:30 p.m.

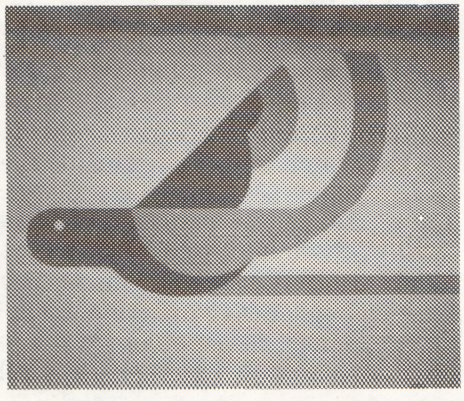
There will be five times the Passion will be enacted:

Saturday, April 7: 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 8: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Friday, April 13: 1:30 p.m.

Some of the Crew



One of the Results

Wanted: High School men and women to fill important roles in the building of St. John's Youth Group. Experience required in one or all of the following: close company with enjoyable people, music appreciation (of the FM era), tie dying sheets, and painting colorful wall graphics. Apply in person today (Sunday) in the basement classroom - beyond the school library - after 11:00 a.m. Ideas for future attractions include a Delhi Park picnic, a trip to Cedar Point and a spring retreat. For information call: Mark Pause (483-1420) or Mike Wideman (434-0794).

From Bishop Povish

March 12, 1979

In place of the papal message to the children of Europe and North America which had become standard for some years, Pope John Paul addressed a one-page pre-Lenten letter to the whole Church.

In it he made two points which are especially worthy of consideration as we approach mid-Lent 1979.

For Lent to mean something, the Holy Father writes, we must not allow our penance and self-denial to be personal asceticism only.

Lent ought to show the world that the whole People of God is doing penance, "in a public collective witness derived from the spirit of penance of each individual."

Then the Pope recommended participation in the various Lenten campaigns which direct our self-denial into sharing what we possess "with those who have less or have nothing at all."

"Help Christ in prison or without clothing, Christ persecuted or a refugee, Christ who is hungry or without a roof."

In our country the Lenten campaign to which Pope John Paul referred is the Catholic Relief Services Appeal. Last year our offerings to CRS touched the lives of more than 18 million hungry and desperate people in some 86 countries around the world.

By donating a generous portion of our Lenten sacrifices and savings to CRS on Laetare Sunday, the weekend of March 24-25, we can become a part of that public collective witness.

Fraternally yours,
Kenneth J. Povish
Bishop of Lansing

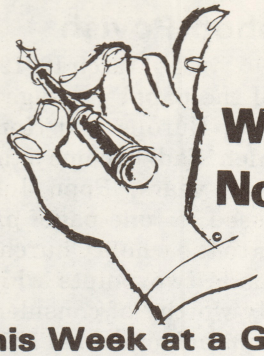
St. Vincent de Paul Foods/Donations

Taken at all Masses next weekend. Please be generous.

Smorgasbord Dinner Sunday, March 25

11:30 - 4:30

Immaculate Conception Church, (corner of North & Ann St.) Milan. Adults: $3.75, Children: $1.75, Under 5 - Free.



Worth Noting

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 18
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Baby-sitting
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10:00 - 11:30 a.m. High School Religious Education
10:00 a.m. Meeting to work on a Philosophy of Education
11:00 a.m. Preschool Classes
7:00 p.m. Evensong

Monday, March 19
9:00 a.m. Team Meeting, Rectory
4:30 p.m. Team Liturgy Planning

Tuesday, March 20
10:00 a.m. Service Commission Agenda Meeting
4:00 - 5:15 Religious Education Grades 1-8
7:00 - 8:15 Religious Education Junior High School
7:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning, Rectory
7:30 p.m. Convert Class, Activity Center
SPRED Program, Center
High School Home Groups
7:30 p.m. Bazaar Committee Meeting - Hall

Wednesday, March 21
Bulletin goes to press AM
4:30 - 5:45 Religious Education Grades 1 - 6
6:30 p.m. Bingo, Parish Hall
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Loft
7:30 p.m. DSA Mass and Meeting, St. Joseph Church, Dexter

Thursday, March 22
10:00 a.m. Scripture Class, Library
Fr. Delaney
7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Passion Enactment - Church

Friday, March 23
7:30 p.m. Stations and Benediction

Saturday, March 24
10:00 a.m. Handbell Practice
3:30 - 4:30 Confessions heard
Parish Appreciation Party

Intercessory Prayer

The Lord says to the people of St. John's, "I will prove my holiness through you. I will gather you from the ends of the earth. I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins. I will give you a new spirit within you. Now, with all your hearts turn to me for I am tender and compassionate." All glory to you Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Father of infinite compassion and mercy, we recognize the truth of your persistent love and acceptance. We recognize our frailties and limits in finding the inner harmony and personal integrity for which our human hearts so ardently yearn. By the power of your Spirit help us to turn to your Son, Jesus, present in the community of faith, for the reconciling power he alone can give. Heal the wounds and hurts which divide us. Renew our minds and hearts as people bound to you in covenant. Let us experience a genuine inner conversion from the paralysis of sin so that with all your saints we may live in the freedom of your children acknowledging the dominion of Jesus' power in our lives.

Lord, in faith we ask you to bless our Parish team.

Bless and touch our sick and those who suffer.

Bless our covenant with you, Lord, and make it grow.

Bless those studying for Conversion, Confirmation and Penance.

Bless those who will take part in the Passion enactment.

Bless our newlyweds and newcomers to St. John's.

Bless John and Lisa, Robert and Mary, Keith and Gloria who spoke marriage vows.

Bless our home Lenten sharing groups.

Bless those whose support allows Parish improvement.

Bless all of us as we continue our life's journey through the Lenten Season. May we look to you daily raising our hearts and our hands to you, Lord. Help us to obey your commandments and to live by your law. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Fill our lives with joy, grace and love. Pour your Spirit upon us so that we may continue to grow in you, as sons and daughters of the King of Glory.

Praise the Lord,
David Rocha

Night of Bowling

On Saturday evening, March 10, forty-eight of St. John's bowlers enjoyed the hospitality of the Ypsi-Arbor Lanes and the competition planned by the committee. Trophies and other prizes were awarded in several categories of performance and everyone enjoyed the experience. Thanks to chairpersons Sam Allen, Betty Ludwig and Tom Jensen for making it all happen.

Bazaar Committee Meeting - Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Hall.

Festival Committee Meeting - Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Hall.

Invitations ...

• **Millionaire's Party:** St. Pat's Whitmore Lake Parish Center, Saturday, March 24. Doors open 8:00 p.m. until midnight. Come join in the fun.

• **Benefit Bingo** for Holy Trinity Chapel will be held on Sunday, March 25 "to keep the Chapel solvent." The Bingo will be held at St. Alexis Hall, 1725 E. Forest Ave., Ypsilanti, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

• **Open House** - St. Thomas Grade School (K-8), Ann Arbor, is having an Open House Tuesday, March 27, 1979 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The evening will begin in the Parish Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Take this opportunity to see displays of students' work, art projects, and listen to our newly formed Chorus group.

Become familiar with our school facilities and the opportunities St. Thomas has to offer.

Why not make an evening of it -- Everyone is welcomed -- bring your friends.

Refreshments will be served.

• **Interfaith Council for Peace** - Remember: Conference on Hunger and Social Responsibility "Food for Thought, Thought for Food" at Memorial Christian Church **next Friday night and Saturday** (730 Tappan corner of Hill). Friday night begins at 6:00 p.m. with a vegetarian potluck -- bring your own table service and a veggie dish to pass. Saturday's proceedings start at 9:00 a.m. For more information call the Hunger Task Force at 663-1870.

Bulletin Articles

Oftentimes, articles to be published in the bulletin are deferred for a week or more due to space. The following are two such articles long-past due:

Veteran's Hospital Visit

Sharon Patterson and Margaret Budinger co-sponsored the National Council of Catholic Women Veteran's Hospital day on February 24th. The response of women to help and in donating dessert was quite good and the veterans enjoyed playing Bingo for the afternoon.

Those attending were Margaret Budinger, Donnie Stokes, Jane Greiner, Margaret Packard, Stella Swope and Sharon Patterson. The vets wish to thank these women for their time and their kindness.

Cookies were baked by various parishioners and were much appreciated. Since all names of those donating are not available, we can only say, you made many men very happy because their "sweet tooths" were filled.

A banner was presented, courtesy of some Junior High students, which will be used as a decorative reflection in the Vet's Hospital Chapel. To be thanked for their patient work are: Steph May, Carolyn Cicirelli, Karen Buckeye, Michele Spencer, Diana Madrigal, Christa Caldwell and Joe Pryce.

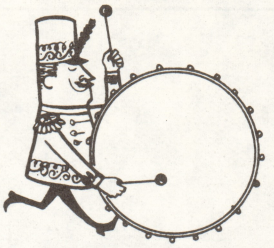
St. John women are responsible for having activities being offered at Vet's Hospital. Previously only visiting with the men was done by women of various parishes in the county on their assigned days and cookies were provided by these women. St. John women felt more men would attend if an activity was offered and it has been proved true.

Hooray for St. John's!

St. John Parish has been part of the innovation of and participant in the Ypsilanti community Meals on Wheels service for as many years as the service has been available. Mrs. Josephine Calkins has been our faithful representative to the meetings and has been the one who has worked with our volunteers on the times they have been appointed to service the meals. Josephine was also the Vice-Chairperson on the board for the past two years.

Recent election voting puts two more St. John parishioners on the board: Lawrence Ogden and Ann McCarthy. Larry will be Vice-Chairperson and Ann McCarthy will be Secretary for this term. We congratulate them on their election and thank them for being part of such a worthy and needed service to our community.

Meals on Wheels is an affiliate membership of St. John Service Commission.



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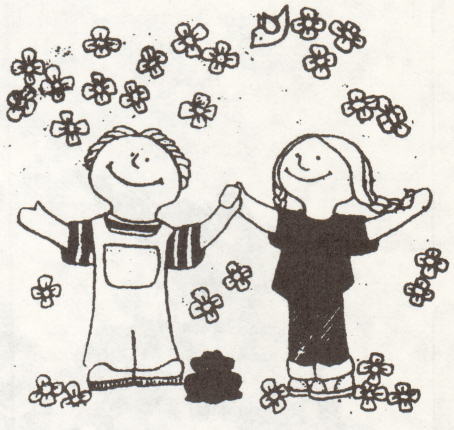


"Raise Your Hands ..."

Next Sunday, March 25 is our Children's Liturgy in the church hall beginning at 11:00 a.m. These liturgies are limited to children in grades one through six.

Anniversary Letter Received

Dear Sister Carol,

We received the photo of our wedding anniversary. Thank you very much for all that was done for us by everyone concerned.

May God bless all of you.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Prevost

LENT, 1979

Jesus, our brother,
you have the greatest love for us.
What can we say in the face of it?
We can only try to imitate you,
by responding to the brothers and sisters
you have given to us to love.

We see you suffering all around us,
in the poor,
in the powerless,
in the misunderstood.
We are so hesitant to come to your aid.
We find so many excuses.
We remain aloof.
Grant us the wisdom and the courage
to help the least of your brothers and so help you.

Jesus, our brother,
in the midst of your sufferings
you had compassion for others and their pain.
We are often so self-centered.
We do not see the sufferings of others.
We want pity, kindness and understanding.
We are willing to give so little in return.
Help us forget ourselves.
Awaken us to the pain in the lives of others.

Service Commission Recommendation

At the February 26th meeting of the Service Commission Board of St. John Parish, the at-large membership recommended that the Board be aware of the Nestle Boycott and keep the parish informed of the Boycott and any progress being made.

Some parishioners may not be aware that Nestle's business practices are harmful to infants in developing countries and that many churches have banded together to urge membership to boycott Nestle's products and to urge business to not purchase any of these products.

The following article, appearing in a Chicago newspaper, gives us some facts of the boycott as well as letting us know that other churches are involved besides main line denominations. The Service Commission asks that you carefully read these articles and join in the boycott of all Nestle's products. In succeeding issues, we will keep you informed of all the products Nestle's owns.

Reminder of a Party

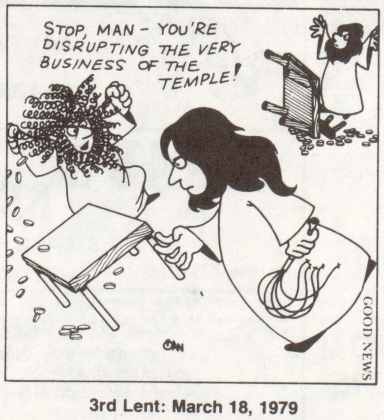
Those who signed the Time and Talent to work in the parish this year have been personally invited to a party by the Parish Team. **This is just a reminder to call in your reservations by the 24th so that we will know how many to prepare for. However, if you forget or don't know until the last minute, please feel free to attend.**

It will last from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Religion

Boycott of Nestle urged

The Church Of The Brethren is urging its member churches around the world to boycott all Nestle products, following endorsement of the boycott by its General Board, which met February 24 in Elgin. Nestle, which provides one-third of the world's infant formula, has been criticized by numerous religious groups for its marketing of baby food in developing countries. Its critics say mothers are encouraged to substitute the formula for breast milk in areas where families cannot afford sufficient quantities of the formula and where the formula can only be diluted with impure water. The practice has resulted in infant malnutrition, illness, brain damage, and death, the critics report. Several other infant formula manufacturers have been approached on the matter by the religious groups through shareholder resolutions. Nestle, however, is a transnational corporation based in Switzerland and is immune to shareholder action in this country. The Brethren church wants Nestle to stop marketing its formula in poor areas, remove "milk nurses" from hospitals and clinics, discontinue distribution of free samples, and stop giving incentives to doctors and health professionals to promote formula use where it could be hazardous to the health of infants.



3rd Lent: March 18, 1979

You are the temple. Not of stone
but flesh like mine, the Spirit's home.
Lift up your hands, lift up your lives
in loving deeds, in sacrifice!

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, March 19 - St. Joseph, Husband of Mary
7:00 a.m. John J. Mongiat, req. by Carmelita Mongiat
2:30 p.m. Thomas Monaghan, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Morlie LeGarie

TUESDAY, March 20 - Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m. Olive White, req. by Dorothy and Chuck
5:30 p.m. Matthew Stein, req. by Mr. and Mrs. P. Crance

WEDNESDAY, March 21 - Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m. James T. Barge, req. by Randy Potocki
9:00 a.m. Elsie Paffel, req. by Dan Paffel

THURSDAY, March 22 - Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m. John Purcell, req. by The Hines Family
5:30 p.m. Richard Steeby, req. by Glenn Seaver

FRIDAY, March 23 - Lenten Weekday (St. Turibius)
7:00 a.m. Cleophus Arend, req. by Dick and Gladys Schelling
7:30 p.m. Stations and Benediction

SATURDAY, March 24 - Annunciation of the Lord
9:00 a.m. Catherine Conkle, req. by Barbara, Terry and Tony Gomes
5:30 p.m. Lewis Vivian, req. by Ida Vivian

SUNDAY, March 25 - Fourth Sunday in Lent
7:00 a.m. Charles Stoll, req. by Charles and Dorothy Stein
9:00 a.m. Intention of Ida Vivian, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Owen Koch
11:00 a.m. Intention of Parishioners
12:30 p.m. John and Genevieve Nanry, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nanry

Wedding Banns

I - Thomas Van Amburg and Nancy Parks

Financial Barometer

March 11, 1979

Sunday Offering $4,149.75
Home Missions (addt'l) 131.24
Church Renovation 3,035.00

Readings for March 18th - 25th

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-15

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Lk 2:41-51

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:18-34

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-17, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

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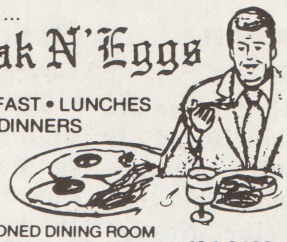
FEATURING ...
Steak N' Eggs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SUMMARY REPORT ON THE PARISH OPINION SURVEY

Prepared by Sharon Patterson, Parish Council Member At-Large

In August, 1978, your Zone Leaders asked you to fill out and return a Parish Opinion Survey. These surveys were reviewed in depth by the Parish Team as they prepared for the new year. They were then rotated among the Parish Commissions--Administration, Education, Activities, Service and Worship. Each Commission prepared a report to the Parish Council on their section within the questionnaire. Finally, we, the Parish Council, wish to share with you the insights gained from this survey.

Administration: You responded overwhelmingly that you are kept informed of the Parish's financial progress and you credited the Ypsi Catholic in this and all areas of being kept informed. You also responded overwhelmingly on the attractive appearance of St. John's buildings and grounds. Those who chose to comment, however, spoke repeatedly of the state of disrepair of Needham Hall. You expressed concern that the Laity continue to move the Administrative burden from our priests. And one parishioner commented, "We have been good stewards of our property".

Education: The Education Commission asked for your advice in improving their programs and the possibilities for adding new programs. Your ideas were thoughtful and varied. The evening Bible Class you wanted is already a reality, as is the Children's Liturgy and the intensified effort to keep parents aware and involved in the educational process. Most of you asked for more...more information, more child involvement, more parent involvement, Youth Group (has begun), Youth Ministry, Reading Lists, Summer Bible Study, more recreation supplement, more Discipline and our own Catholic Grade School. All part of what will be done or continually considered in the days ahead.

Activities: You responded overwhelmingly that the Activities provided are meeting the parish needs for social and recreational involvment. When asked how to continue to improve the program and for suggested changes, you asked to involve the entire family unit and you spoke eloquently of the adult single person in our community. Some asked for more emphasis on getting better acquainted and others suggested bowling to fill that need. Coffee and donuts, a Service Commission activity, was commended while Bingo, which is an Activities endeavor, was commended and encouraged most often under response to the Service Commission. We both thank you. Some of you asked for more fund raising to deplete the parish debt and some of you asked for fewer fund raisers. But, most clearly you said, "Programming and activities are great fun--let us be sensitive to including the lone person into the group."

Service: This Commission asked if you were aware of the areas of their involvement, how you had chosen to be involved and how this involvment has influenced your growth. The work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our Parish and the Funeral Dinners received the most responsive awareness, but others noted the work at Parkview, Meals on Wheels and the Blood Bank. The Time and Talent Sheet and the encouragement of a friend were responsible for many of you becoming personally involved and that involvement, you told us, "Reinforces my sense of sharing" and the "good example of others calls me to try to imitate the Christ in them".

Worship: The Worship Commission asked for needs and concerns not being met in our Parish. It is difficult to find such a response in the surveys. You spoke loudly and clearly in your support of their work. On the Liturgy, "I feel a part of it", and "Contemporary without being objectionable". Although some of us still would return to the way it was in our childhood, many requested altar girls. You spoke of a yearly retreat and you spoke of the life in Christ touching and changing each of us here at St. John's.

In the final section of the survey where your comments were encouraged, you used the word "proud" repeatedly. To be a part of this community, to see God's blessings among us, of the Parish Team, of the dedicated parishioners who serve one another.

We cannot end on this happy note, however, because you told us something else--"I don't like filling out surveys and this is one of the worst I've ever attempted." And again, "If the various Commissions are truly interested in gathering information, they will have to take the time, next time, to design a proper survey. I would be surprised if the response is over 10%." Actually, out of 1,128 families, only 252 responded; and to those who gave up in frustration, we will continue to improve--even in designing surveys!

God's blessings on each of you and when next year's Time and Talent is made available, we want all of you with the good ideas to share yourself with us!

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